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INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 4073

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, CH

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ROK FISHING BOAT

REF: (A) SEOUL 3814; (B) SEOUL 3739

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA, INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT IN WHICH PRC BOATS ABDUCTED AND THEN RELEASED A ROK FISHING BOAT (REFTEWS) HAS ESTABLISHED THAT INCIDENT BEGAN AS LOCAL ALTERCATION BETWEEN FISHERMEN OF THE TWO NATIONS. TROUBLE APPARENTLY STARTED EARLY EVENING OF MAY 24 WHEN ROK VESSEL FOULED NETS OF PRC CRAFT. IN ENSURING ATTEMPT BY PRC BOAT TO RETAILATE, ROK BOAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MINOR COLLISON BETWEEN THE TWO. PRC BOAT THEN CALLED FOR HELP, AND NINE OTHER PRC VESSELS ARRIVED AND TOWED AFY THE ROK DST, WHICH DISABLED ITS ENGINE IN FUTILE ATTXPT TO BREAK THEMYW ROPE. PRC BOATS TOWED THE ROK VESSEL TO AND ZES OF C PN # MAINLAND AND RELEASED.

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2. MOFA BELIEVES THAT PEKING ORDERED ROK BOAT

RETURNED AFTER INCIDENT CAME TO ATTENTION OF PRC  
AUTHORITIES, AND PROBABLY AS RESULT OF APPEAL BY  
JAPANESE (REFTEL B). CASE IS NOW CLOSED. HOWEVER,  
TO AVOID FURTHER SUCH INCIDENTS, ROKG IS GIVING EVEN MORE  
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAN BEFORE TO KOREAN FISHERMEN  
TO STAY CLEAR OF PRC FISHING BOATS.  
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NOTE BY OCT: # AS RECEIVED;  
CORRECTION UPON REQUEST.

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